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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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Inventor

for

FACSIMILE APPARATUS AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE APPARATUS

Title of Invention

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1.  Specification (total pages 77) including:
  - a. 27 pages of claims (50 claims)
  - b. 1 page Abstract
2.  17 sheets of informal  formal drawings (Figs. 1-28)
3.  Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (       total pages)
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  - b.        Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
 

*(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)*
4.  Deletion of Inventor(s)
 

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5.  Incorporation By Reference
 

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

## APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7.  An assignment of the invention to Ricoh Company, Ltd. (cover sheet & document(s))
8.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
9.  Power of Attorney
  - a.        Newly executed (original or copy)
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10.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

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11.  A Preliminary Amendment

12.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

13.  A small entity statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27

Statement filed in prior application, status still proper and desired

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15.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a  continuation  
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16.  Priority of application Nos. 11-096093 and 11-179329 filed in Japan on April 2, 1999 and June 25, 1999. Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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